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Thank you, Mr. Powell... for getting me mad!

It is significant that nobody can leave a message anymore for Mr. Powell. In fact, I just called the FCC general number, and said I wanted to leave a message for Mr. Powell. When I specified on what matter, the operator, suddenly, couldn't take any messages "on this particular subject." Never mind that she was ready to take a message moments earlier. This just goes to show how not interested in hearing from the public, of live voice or otherwise, Mr. Powell is. One can only write a message, provided one can find one's way in the FCC's page. Phone messages would be too easy. Well, you won't like it but here it is:

I am writing to state my strong opposition to the media deregulation being planned. I believe it only serves media monopoly interests and that the public's interests have no place in this decision. Everybody knows that the relaxation of media regulations has only produced "more of the same" crap everywhere. Now, in LA, whether you look at the local news or read the newspaper, the NEWS ARE THE SAME!! How do you dare say that the public has more choices now, "especially with the Internet"? Very few sources are new. Just because we have more outlets in a house does not mean we get more electricity, or different voltages!!

Enabling mergers and monopolies is the real goal of deregulation, not competition and diversity of options. Do you think people are stupid??

Stop serving your buddies and start doing the work you're paid to do: serve the public through a democratic process of consultation and participation, instead of blocking it.